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TO: Chief Probate Judges
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FROM: John D. Ferry, Jr.

RE: State Court Administrative Memorandum 2004-10
Revisions to Model LAO 18: Authority for Probate Register to Perform Judicial Acts

Revisions have been made to the State Court Administrative Office's model Local Administrative Order 18 – Authority for Probate Register to Perform Judicial Acts. These revisions more accurately reflect the authority granted to the probate register by MCL 600.834 and MCR 8.310. The revisions are as follows:

1. 2. b. was changed from “a guardianship for a legally incapacitated individual” to “appointment of a guardian for a legally incapacitated individual.”
2. 2. c. was changed from “a conservatorship for an adult” to “appointment of a conservator for a reason other than minority.”
3. 2. d. was changed from “a guardianship for a developmentally disabled individual” to “a developmentally disabled individual.”
4. 4. e. was changed from “sign notices to fiduciaries, attorneys, and sureties” to “sign notices, citations, and subpoenas to fiduciaries, attorneys, and sureties.”
5. In 4. g. “decendent estate case” was replaced with “matter.”

Please note these changes and incorporate them into any future local administrative orders regarding authority for probate register to perform judicial acts. If a court wants to update its local administrative order, please follow the normal procedure of rescinding the current local administrative order and submitting the new one for approval. The revised model can be found at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/other/lao.htm#apr>

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Jean Mahjoory at mahjooryj@courts.mi.gov.